

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated July 28, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on October 28, 2006. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

In the specification, a new title and a new abstract of the disclosure has been provided.

Claims 1-35 were pending in the application. Claims 1-32 have been cancelled. New claims 36-38 have been added to recite aspects of the invention. Applicants submit that the amendments and new claims do not introduce new matter.

Interview Summary

On Aug. 25, 2006, a telephonic interview was held between Gero G. McClellan, attorney of record, and Examiner Uyen T. Le. The parties discussed the allowed claims and also discussed proposed new claims directed to a method counterpart of the allowed claims. The proposed new claims were provided to the Examiner via facsimile for consideration. During the interview, the Examiner agreed that the new claims appeared acceptable in light of the allowed claims, and approved formal submission of the claims in this response. The proposed new claims are submitted with this amendment as claims 36-38. The Examiner also reminded Mr. McClellan of the outstanding objections, which are addressed in this amendment.

Specification Objections

The Examiner made objections to the title of the invention and the abstract of the disclosure. The specification has been amended with a new title and a new abstract of the disclosure. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 101 and 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-10, 17-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101. Claims 1-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

In view of the allowable subject matter indicated by the Examiner, claims 1-32 have been canceled. These rejections are believed to be moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 33-35 are allowed. Newly added claims are also believed to be allowable.

Conclusion

Having addressed all issues set out in the office action, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted, and
S-signed pursuant to 37 CFR 1.4,

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